Scholarship Initiation - Potential Criteria

The following listing is for reference to complete section #4 of the *Scholarship Initiation Form*. The LTC Foundation Scholarship Application collects all of the data on this list to evaluate applicants in an objective manner. One Recommendation Form is also required for application. This form is reviewed for completion and used as a tie-breaker.

Please note the LTC Foundation Scholarship Committee will apply criteria in the order it appears in Section #4 of the *Scholarship Initiation Form.*

Potential Criteria

LTC Program
Each applicant must indicate the program of study they are enrolled in, or plan to enroll in, at LTC. We are able to limit scholarships to a specific area or general areas of study. For example, you may indicate criteria as limited as "Nursing" or as broad as "Health Care Programs". If you do not specify a program area, the scholarship will be available to all students.

Grade Point Average (GPA)
You may indicate a minimum GPA required for an award (on a 4.0 scale). We use a cumulative GPA from a student's most recent record of study – college or high school.

Semesters at LTC
We are able to determine the number of semesters a student has attended LTC. If you would like to award students who have spent at least one (or more) semesters at LTC, please indicate a minimum number of semesters "1,2,3…" New students will list "0".

Full-time or Part-Time Status
Full-time students are identified as enrollment in 12+ credits. Part-time students are identified as enrollment of 11 or fewer credits.

New Students or Returning Students
New students are identified as recent high school graduates, any student who has not attended LTC before, or any student who is starting new studies in a new program. Returning students are identified as students returning in the same field of study for consecutive semesters.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
To evaluate financial need, students are required to complete a FAFSA application with the LTC Financial Aid office. Applicants are encouraged to complete the form to be eligible for scholarships, however they are not obligated to accept any aid offered.

Financial Need
Based on results from the FAFSA process above, we are able to determine how much of a student's need is not met with grants or other sources of federal fund, except for loans. Loans are considered "unmet need" because a student is required to pay back the loan, with interest and a scholarship may allow the student to avoid borrowing funds.

Geographic Location
We are able to evaluate the municipality and county of residence for every applicant.

High School
We are able to identify the high school from which each applicant graduated. We are not able to assess whether they simply attended a school during their career.

Veteran Status
We ask each applicant to indicate whether they are a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

Volunteer Activities
Each applicant is given the opportunity to list volunteer activities. We are able to require evidence of volunteerism.

Club Memberships at LTC or in the Community
Each applicant is given the opportunity to list club memberships at LTC or in the community. We are able to apply criteria requiring membership in a specific club.